

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 65-103 are pending, Claims 65-69, 71-74, 80, 87-88, 91, 93, and 100 having been amended, and Claims 102 and 103 having been added by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to; the specification was objected to as including informalities; the specification was further objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter; Claims 71 and 100 were objected to as containing informalities; Claims 72-74, 78-83, 87-91, 93, and 96-101 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; and Claims 65-101 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the identification of allowable subject matter.

In response, a separate letter requesting approval of drawing changes is filed herewith, amending labels "6" and "7" in Figure 2 to read as --R6-- and --R7--. Amended Figure 2 addresses the objections identified in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the outstanding Office Action.

The amendments to the specification are believed to overcome the objections identified in paragraph 5 of the outstanding Office Action.

The Abstract has been amended to reflect that the invention relates to remote power meter monitoring.

In reply to the remarks in paragraph 6 of the outstanding Office Action, the specification has been amended at page 16, line 11, to include language from Claim 78. Support is found at page 16, lines 7-11, and thus, no new matter is added. Furthermore, Claims 85 and 88 have been amended to clarify that the chipping frequency is described in

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units of MHz. Once again, no new matter is added, as support for the chipping rate units is found at page 18, line 8, for example,

The objections to Claims 71 and 100 are corrected by way of the present amendment.

It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment overcomes the rejection of Claims 72-74, 78-83, 87-91, 93, and 96-101 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

However, if the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that mutually agreeable claim language may be identified. Consistent with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Claim 72 has been amended to remove its dependency from Claim 70, and a new Claim 102 has been added in its place. In paragraph 8 of the outstanding Office Action, the outstanding Office Action states "[d]ependent claim cannot depend on Claims 70 and 73-77..." The undersigned has interpreted this statement as referring to Claim 80, which depends from Claims 70 and 73-77. In reply, Claim 80 has been amended such that amended Claim 80 depends only from Claims 65, and 67-69. New Claim 103 has been added that depends from Claims 66, 70, and 73-77.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by Claims 65-103, as

amended, is definite. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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